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from Year's End to Year's End.

OF ALL CLIMES AND COLORS

Some Ways in Which Aid Is would make them burn up the town. Given to This Colony of 350,000 Waifs a Year.

All New Yorkers know what a great city they live in, but few of them appreciate to the full what a wonderful scaport they inhabit. Of course, they know the Olympic, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and other big ocean fellows that make this their home in the New World and handle through this city the incoming army of foreign invaders and the outgoing American army of sightseers. But so far as knowing the ins and outs of the greatest port in the world, they

are at a loss. Who stops to consider that our oceangoing neighbors that tie up at our West street and our East River plers bring a floating population to this city each year that numbers more heads than are counted in a city the size of Newark, New Orleans or Milwaukee? Yet such is a fact. The sailor army that visits this port during a twelvemonth often exceeds 350,000 persons.

From the oyster ship that ties up at Washington Market with her crew of ten to the Olympic with her crew of 200 is and down the White Way in the big tourquite a jump, but there is nothing like ing car, with the chauffeur tooting his facts to make things plain. In the old days of the sailing vessel thirty tion. Even the sailors who saw him wermen were sufficient for some of the proudest craft that ever graced the Atlantic. They were sailormen to the tips of their have cost fully \$55 for the automobile. And fingers, too. It was the days when the landlubber did stay down below. But in these progressive times, for progress has glances of the envious seamen on the side-hit the ocean highway harder than in al-walks, who were, beside this illustration, most any other direction, a thousand sailormen of all descriptions must tend the wants of the monsters that eat up from 700 to 1,000 tons of coal a day

With the regular Atlantic liners the sailthis port at least once a month, while those on the coastwise vessels are here oftener. But there are some seamen who have long voyages before them, as, for instance, those on board the tramp ships that visit this port and the real sailors who still stick to the few barks and brigs that ply between this port and other ports.

GREATEST AMERICAN PORT.

New York is the clearing house for every land under the sun for the commerce of Uncle Sam. Thus while the West street piers provide docking facilities for transatlantic and a number of coastwise liners. the Brooklyn docks on the East River and the docks along the South street shore of that waterway provide piers for the more distant travellers. Time was when the masts of sailing vessels that visited the Orient made a tangled forest of the slips facing South street. Things have changed. Steam vessels that make African and south sea ports unload their spices, cocoa, sugar and other cargoes at Brooklyn docks. The sailorman of these craft have the longest journeys to make, but when they do reach New York and have shore leave they waste no time in seeking amusement.

jolly tar was shanghaied in the South street town made much profit through furnishing but between decks of the full-rigger as she old landmarks, human as well as struct caught the breeze off the Hook and made for ural. the 10,000-league voyage across strange seas. The man who did the trick got his aptain had his sallor

that better than any one clse. The captain is king, emperor and everything else that

up at her pler to-day and discharges her passengers there is a rush for shore by the on lost in the crowds of West street. when the big liner rushes into port, coals and takes on cargo and mail and rushes out again within the space of twenty-four or thirty-six hours.

To provide a place of recreation where good reading can be had, where sleeping quarters are provided, and where other necessary luxuries can be enjoyed, a number of institutions in New York are conducted for the benefit of all branches of the seamen's profession. They are in reality upto-date clubs, and are aimed to do away with loafing around grogshops and the environments that have been looked upon as sought by jack tar when he has arrived

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE.

Mayor Gaynor laid the cornerstone last week of the new Seamen's Church Institute, at South street and Coenties Slip. The new and will accommodate five hundred seamen. There are to be reading and club rooms, and entertainments will be given, and a chapel in which services will be held by all anthropic persons who are interested in the saliors who come to this port have paid for of the 390 rooms. An arrangement has sulate will have its shipping office in the new building. The Seamen's Benefit Society has given \$200 to pay for two rooms as a memorial to the seamen of the ill-fated Ti-

large part of the three hundred and fifty elvemonth, has its headquarters at No. 507 West street. It has reading rooms, a restaurant, a supply department, a swimcerts and lectures regularly for the season. The men have flocked to this club in such numbers that appeals for financial aid have There are numerous seamen's mission

and other church aid organizations interested in the tars that come to this port. And over near the Brooklyn navy yard is the thropy of Miss Helen Gould, which has been of the greatest assistance in solving the problem of entertaining the sailors and seamen of the United States warships.

In laying the cornerstone of the latest institution for the men of the sea Mayor Gay-

greatest needs of our times. Most of the ordinary men of the world hardly know what to do with themselves when they are not at work. Of no workman is this more true than of the sailor. The well-to-do people have their clubs, and by a law of the state these clubs are not only open, but open for all sorts of refreshments, even on Sunday. The ordinary man has no club. He therefore, if I may say so, is obliged to make the liquor saloon his club. "Now, the object of places like this is to

give them a club. I wish we could multiply clubs like this all over the city. Those who come here may sleep here, may refresh themselves here, may eat and drink here and will also have amusements here. I thought the place ought to have

late-it has been named already with some big name, I understand." Although in years past the sailors or sea- requested .- Chicago News.

men on sailing vessels and on tramp ships tarried for many days in port, it is now usually a matter of only a few days. The source of temptation may be greater, but the time limit is less. Thus while the

protracted stay as of old. Even to-day, however, many captains avoid paying their crews until after leaving This is so of the skippers of the merchantmen which make the long journeys and during which time the sailors have an accumulation of coin coming to them which, if received when landing.

The visits of sailors are not without their numerous side, especially of those who are on the warships. When the great naval demonstration was made in these waters there was a sight at Broadway and 42d Jack." "Sir, no. John. Jack all same when I sick in a hurry.' He say, 'Yes,' "Street one night which caused even the 'Yakka' (imp)." "Yes, John." "Sir, thank "All right, you may go," I said, and he oldtimers of that thoroughfare, men who you. Master very good master." had seen in their day the glittering coin and the stiff bills pass hands at horse races tween sea and jungle, the flexible spine of but he had a cigar as long as your arm stuck at an angle of 45 degrees in his

THE TAR IN THE TOURING CAR. A dozen times that night the same jack tar, with an ever increasing "bun," rode up hern with all his might to attract attena sum of money on pleasure, for it must eventually a fluffy creation sat beside the jolly son of the scas and enjoyed the

"pikers." The men who come to New York are from every known race. The coolie crew arrives in Brooklyn. The Chinamen and Japs are also seen on the ships that tie up at the ors and other seamen are sure of being in piers in that borough. It is to Brooklyn that the ships from the furthest points come, and it is from Brooklyn that they sail-to the Sandwich Islands, to the Indies and the South Seas. Time was when the lower East Side of Manhattan Island harbored the great fleets of sailing vessels, whose masts made a forest of bare trunks and long trailing lines seemingly hopelessly tangled up. The development of the sea craft has removed most of that picturesque feature from the barbor.

The sailors who were on those vessels emprised the real seamen, the men were raised to fight waves and wind and ice and snow from boyhood. They were Canadians, Nova Scotlans, Newfoundland ers, Maine Yankees, Gloucester fishermen, Norwegians, Portuguese, Spaniards, Englishmen, Dutchmen and tars from almost all the great maritime nations. They were schooled in the weather and in the winds more than the seamen of to-day, who, especially on the big liners, are merely ma chines. To-day some of them do not know how to furl a sail. Others cannot swim The tar on the battleship hails from Indiana or Missouri, Idaho or Kansas, and his knowledge of the sea begins when he enters the service. The percentage of nonare intimately associated with the sailor swimmers among sailors has often been That used to be the case when the pointed out with scorn by oldtime mariners. To-day in South street are the remnants of the ship chandlers' shops of years gone booze emporiums. Those were the happy of the ship chandlers shops of years gone by, and many of the stores that furnish with executing from whiskey to sailors with everything, from whiskey to suspenders or needles and thread, are still sallormen to needy sailing craft. A little doing business. West street, also, that dope in the glass of grog and the next thing my hearty knew he was rubbing his most crowded steamship thoroughfare in eyes, not in the South street booze parlor. the whole world, still retains some of the

IN THE GROGSHOP DAYS.

in the good old days grogshops along the very first opportunity a bunch of the emporium where there were sure to be repout to lick. Then a few balls of whiskey of the fighting variety would get up steam. Soon the melee would be general, and woo was often testified to by smashed ones or these two streets. Spectators would get the street, while bottles and glasses went crashing right and left and fists sought

A black eye is always in evidence in the grogshop haunts even to-day, but in the happy days of old they were conspicuous when not in evidence. For years there was a Portuguese bully

on a sailing vessel which used to dock at one of the piers in South street, who held a bad reputation. He was a knife artist. his match once, however, in a Norwegian sailor, who nearly crushed in his head by a blow with a chair. was as much a stumbling block to "white hopes" then as is our esteemed Mr. Johnson now. Bennie was there with the 'wallop," to use the vernacular. He sailed on a so-called clipper ship, and was the medium by which much money passed hands. Bennie did not get drunk. tagonists often did. The fights were in a back parlor of a booze joint, and there stripped to the waist, the men would fight to a knockout. Bennie lost his stride and "Tom" Sharkey and "Sailor" Burke are

modern examples of sailor pugilists. But supported such encounters, and men were groomed on long voyages for one single when New York was reached.

And, speaking of "Tom" Sharkey, it is e who has always been the subject of crit- lower caste coolies, almost naked, dsm because of being a "tightwad." A from before us, endangering the basic sailor friend told the story once that when of freshly gathered hill-grown tea he went to call on "Tom" in his 14th street they balance on their heads. But the bu booze parlor, and suggested to Tom, "What lock drivers are of a different temperalooks like rain."

New York has its cosmopolitan sections, ut none are more so than South street and West street, and the average person in the metropolis seldom thinks of the city of sailors that is within his gates. In no other port in the world can be found the army of seamen that haunts this island.

SINGULARITIES.

In the more inaccessible parts of the Sierra Madre mountains, in northern Mexico, live a curious people called the Tarauamaris. Many of them dwell in caves, but they have also small villages, all of them about 8,000 feet above seg level. The Tarahuamaris are small in body, but possessed of much endurance. Their only food is maize, and they manufacture a drink called teshuin from the same cereal Their language is limited to about three hundred words, and they cannot count be-

In the days of mailed knights and battleaxes there was safety at a distance of 400 yards. That was about as far as the best archers could shoot an arrow. Neade, a famous archer under Charles I, states that the ordinary range of the bow was between 320 and 400 yards, though it is on record that one man had shot a distance of 463 yards with the wind. The latest naval gun has a range of fifteen miles. Havana's Mayor recently fined two doctors fifteen days' pay each for having re-fused to give their services to paupers when

THE RICKSHA MAN

Kind Rider.

A SINHALEE'S GENEROSITY

His Ambition Is to Own Three Cocoanut Trees and Marry One Girl.

Out we go on to the long white road be-

and set me down at my destination, and, salaaming, retire to the nearest municipal ricksha stand or shady spot to rest and nine."-"F," in The Manchester Guardian. chew beteinut, curling himself up on his shafts until some passing pedestrian called In and Out of New York It Flows days for any kind of job, there is no such He Slaves and Sacrifices for a him or I might be ready for him again. freed him for two successive mornings from and near Philadelphia and there are thouhis obligation of taking me to business, without deducting anything from his will probably be interested to hear that

> laams to the Buddha, he asked for a further holiday to attend a Mahometan festival. "But you are a Buddhist," I said. popular until to-day few communities in Sir, please; Mahomet also very big Sinhalee fellar, sir," "But you no give him salaam?" "No, sir. Other man give. I said there were a quarter of a million golftaking him so can give. He one very big ers in America. To-day there are certainly He used to appear at the bungalow at ? doctor, sir." John opened wide his arms to half a million. It is a bit difficult to estiwith sailors. They were everywhere. The o'clock each morning, his cocoanut-oiled indicate a man of immense proportions, mate the number of balls used, for players police, however, found them unusually or-police, however, found them unusually or-derly, but there was evidence galore that the savings of months were being invested like a woman's. He was a young coolie, He asking: 'John, I come your ricksha?' I in entertainment and even "booze." Thus lithe and strong. "Master ready." "Yes, telling: 'If give one present-medicine-John, Jack all same when I sick in a hurry. He say, 'Yes,' pretty certain, however, that at least two

When, two days later, he arrived as and other places, sit up and take notice. A my human steed bending with each giant usual, I had a headache, my eyes swam, the part of the golf players of \$6,000,000,big touring car came to a stop by the curb stride, and a myriad silvering specks of my limbs felt as if on the rack. I told Philadelphia Record. of a well known hostlery. Sitting in it in all his majesty was a jackie with a jag. He was lost in the depths of upholstery. The sea is a sheet of glass, sun-emblazoned, the sea is a sheet of glass, su a menace to the eye. I open out my big and stood by my bed. "Sir, that John

trotted away.

sir." And he would spring alertly ahead master very good medicine, no asking "No, no," I said, "bring me more qui-

> GOLF BALLS-\$6,000,000. There are a number of golf courses in sands of golf enthusiasts in this city. They

week's salary, so that he could journey to golf players all over the country spend a distant shrine and make his annual sa- \$5,000,000 on golf balls each year. With the increase in interest in all outof-door sports golf has steadily grown more the United States are without at least a nine-hole course. Five years ago it was spheres. Then, too, some have old balls remade and soiled balls repainted. It is

DRINKING FOR HEALTH. In the winter months, when so much

white umbrella, and my coelie at once ad- coolie telling very sorry. He staying in more time is devoted to indoor occupations justs his swinging step to the change! compound all morning; will throw stone at balance of the little man cart. Other crow in tree top." "All right." Jim de- open air, the systematic drinking of pure rickshas, their hoods up, are relling on parted to announce my approval, and a water, either hot or cold (not iced) will

THE SECOND STRING.

Mr. Henpeck-Is my wife going out, Jane? Jane-Yessir. Mr. Henpeck-Do you know if I am going with her?

may provoke rivalrous sprinting, most ham

on to our rear. THROUGH CROWDED STREETS.

Now we come to the Pettah, and m and darts into that strange human and in the happy days it was crew rivalry that animal medicy which throngs the native business quarter. "Give place there!" "Mahata! Mahata! answering voices cry, and some of are we going to have?" "Tom" said: "It ment. Their guttural cries as they sit on he wayward bullocks scarcely respond. pletely blocked. Portly native merchants, tall Afghan money lenders and sellers of beteinut and other Indian spices thread their way through the crowd, and someinsignificant Sinhalese policeman, and John is forcibly shouldered through a widening daunted again through the outskirts of the locality and into the town, till, with his breast heaving like the sides of a blown

hour beneath a zenith sun without changing his stride. Sometimes during the ascent of a hill I might tell him not to herry.

Always he resided to the residence of the re quickly run." "Every day quick, soon die," I would answer, for it is said that the average Indian ricksha coolie either runs "Sir, no; running quickly, making plenty same bullock?" I asked. "Master, no; bullock no good. he lazy." "But only bad white man making coolie run too much fast." "Yessir. Plenty bad white man,

ahead; we come up in their rear, and other moment later there was the uproarlous help greatly to keep the system in good naked-footed runners pad up behind us sound of a thousand crows rising in flight order. his and left the sultry air noiseless and still; amount to be taken between meals. This his hand a carrion bird.

> That John coolle kill one crow, wir. "Bury it," I said wearlly, "deep, deep, way from the ants and snakes," "Yessir." The boy paused a mer

Sinhalee doctor. His friend, sir. He give

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MUSIC NOTES

will be revived at the New Amsterdam

Theatre to-morrow night by the De Koven Opera Company, under the direction of dozen balls a season are purchased by the ordinary golfer. That means 12,000,000 balls, at 50 cents each (the 75 cent ones offsetting the remades) and an investment on has been made to make the production hishave been invited to a reunion on the open

> completed arrangements for a benefit of donna of the new comic opera "The Wild musual interest. It will take the form of Gcose," by Willard Spencer, which has just an "afternoon of music and drama," and been produced in Philadelphia. will be given at the New Amsterdam Theare on Friday afternoon, May 17. The programme will include a miscellaneous concert of vocal and instrumental music, in which many eminent members of the club ing. Her selections were of unusual interand others will appear, and David Bis- est, being three of the Biblical songs by ham's adaptation of Muller's play "Ade- Dvorak. laide," based on a romantic episode in Reethoven's life, with Mr. Bispham himself and a company of distinguished stage culture, gave a musical last Sunday in people in the cast. Other attractive feat-honor of Miss Marion Eugenie Bauer, the ares in preparation will make the proposed composer. Miss Rosalie Wirthlin, contraito; intertainment one of the most remarkable Greta Torpadie, soprano, and Gardner ever offered here, in view of the prominence lamson, barytone, sang the guest's compoof the participants. Mr. Bispham, presi- sitions, the composer being at the plane. dent of the club, will have special charge On May 7 Mme. Torpadie and her daughof the affair, for which tickets are on sale ter, Greta, will sail for Paris, to respen at the clubrooms, in 45th street.

City College this week: SUNDAY, MAY 5, AT 4 O'CLOCK. Prelude and Fugue in D major. Barcarolle in F. minor. Sonata No. 1, in D minor...... anzonetta mprovisation, Caprice WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, AT 4 O'CLOCK. Widor Sixth Symphony (two movements)..... Taccata and Fugue in C major....

Daniel V. Arthur. "Robin Hood" was first Mr. Peavy played three solo groups in an produced on June 9, 1899, at the Chicago artistic manner, showing that he is a pi-Opera House, by the Bostonians, who sang anist of much skill. He was warmly apthe piece more than four thousand times and played eight prosperous engagements fervor, displaying a voice of quality, waich on Broadway. The revival at the New was greatly appreciated. Hugh Allan was Amsterdam by the De Koven Opera Company has the co-operation of the Metropolitan, Chicago and Boston grand opera companies. The Metropolitan Opera Company has loaned for the "Robin Hood" cast three of its stars-Bella Alten, soprano; Florence Wickham, contralto, and Basil Ruysdael, basso. Carl Gantvoort, barytone, is from the Boston Opera Company, and Walter Hyde, the tenor, is of the Covent Garden Opera Company, of London. From the various grand opera organizations Mr. Arthur has selected a singing and dancing chorus of one hundred artists and an orchestra of forty musicians, who will be under the direction of Frank Tours. The old English folk dances will be done by specialists, and the mediæval pageantry has been staged by experts brought from London. Will R. Barnes has designed the costumes, and the scenery has been painted from sketches made in Sherwood Forest, Nottingham, and from prints of Middle Age towns in the British Museum. Every effort torically accurate to the minutest detail," even the long bows having been made in Nottingham by an expert in ancient archery. A novelty in the staging of "Robin Hood" will be a scene at St. Bartholomew's Fair. George Frothingham, the Friar Tuck of the original cast, will have his old role, which he has played 4,250 times. All the other surviving members of the Bostonians ing night. The cast will be: Little John, 'arl Gantvoort; Alan-a-Dale, Florence Wickham; Will Scarlet, Basil Ruysdael; Annabel, Ann Swinburne; Friar Tuck, George Frothingham: Dame Durden, Paullne Hall; Robin Hood, Walter Hyde; Maid Marian, Bella Alten; Sheriff of Nottingham, Edwin Stevens, and Guy of Gisborne, Sidney Bracy.

The Musicians' Club of New York has Following are the programmes for Sam-

intermezzo
Finale from "Symphonie Pathetique"
Tschalkowsky

Saint-Sa., Wagner To accommodate applicants for member- Hall, No. 59 East 34th street, announces ship in the Macdowell Chorus, Kurt Schind- that on and after August 1 Studio Hall will ler, the conductor of the organization, will be located at No. 64 East 24th street. She hold additional voice trials at the chorus states that the demand for studios by musi-Wednesday evening, May 8, from 8 until 10 and more commodious quarters. She cono'clock. The majority of places still open siders her new location unusually well

welcome in these divisions. Each applicant should bring a song. "Robin Hood," the American light opera by Harry B. Smith and Reginald de Koven,

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

tions, and good singers will be especially

A recital of more than usual interest among music lovers was given by Valentine Peavy, planist, assisted by Marie Adele Case, contraito, and Hugh Allan, barytone, last Sunday evening at Carnegie Lyceum. plauded. Miss Case, contralto, sang with also well received,

On Tuesday evening, April 30, at the Elsmere, Miss Emma Walton Hodkinson and the Philharmonic Choral Club, of New York, gave a programme of short numbers and the cantata "Fisher Maidens." Members of the club singing solo parts in the cantata were Mrs. Alfred Hermann, Mrs. Sara Potter Clarke, Mrs. Elsie Wheeler and the Misses Ellen and Esther Anderson, Selma Austern, Harriet Rockwell, Dora Kaucher, Antoinette Cherbullez, Elizabeth Struckman and Dorothy Kenney. Other members were Miss Jean Beagle, Mrs. Berles, Carolyn Adams, Willa Bradford, Oliver Dingwall, Louise Fenn, Jane Faulkner, Mrs. J. Kenwerthy, Mrs. J. B. Moody, Georgina Munro, Mrs. Mary Parkin, Miss Mary Robinson, Mabel Roberts, Mabel Siegfried, Cecilla A. Starr, Clara F. Shaw, Margaret Shepherd, Josephine Scott, Amelia Schneider, Mrs. George P. Vaughan, Mrs. Edgar Velsey and Apria Wallace

Louis Arthur Russell, with the Memorial Choir, of Newark, will give Spohr's canata, "God, Thou Art Great," this evening, also Haydn's motet, "Great Is the Lord." The soloists will be Mrs. Orne Taylor, Mrs. Beth Tregaskis, Miss Anna Benedict, Samuel Craig and Alexander Whyte, all professional students or graduates from the

At a recent pupils' recital given by Leontine de Ahna in her studio in the Hotel Endicott. Florence Loeb, contralto, one of her pupils, who is in the professional ranks, sang several songs by Brahms. There was a large attendance.

AT MUSIC STUDIOS.

Mabel Weeks, a pupil of Theodor Van York, has scored a success as a prima donna of the new comic opera "The Wild Mrs. John Foxlee, a pupil of Miss Beatrice

Wainwright, sang at a concert given by the Eohemian Arts Club last Thursday even-Mme. Hervor Torpadie, teacher of vice

their Paris studio on May 16, where she will teach until July 15, after which she Following are the programmes for Sam-el A. Baldwin's free organ recitals at the tion, returning to New York about October 19, to reopen her studio in Carnegie Hall,

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